

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a hydrophobically finished aramid fabric, comprising at least the steps

- a) providing an aramid yarn,
- b) applying a water-repellent agent to the aramid yarn,
- c) drying the aramid yarn resulting from step b),
- d) forming a fabric from the aramid yarn resulting from step c), and
- e) heat treating the fabric,

wherein after step e), the fabric contains 0.001 – 0.02 g of water-repellent agent per g of fabric.

2. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step a), the aramid yarn is provided by a spinning process after leaving a wash bath.

3. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the aramid yarn is produced from poly(p-phenylene terephthalamide).

4. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is an agent comprising fluorine and carbon atoms.

5. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 4, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is an agent comprising a mixture of ~~at least two~~ fluoroacrylate polymers.

6. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 5, wherein the water-repellent agent further includes an antistatic agent.

7. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 5, wherein the water-repellent agent further includes a lubricant.

8. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is applied to the aramid yarn as an aqueous emulsion.
9. (Original) Method according to Claim 8, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is present in the aqueous emulsion in a concentration in the range of 20 – 300 g/l.
10. (Original) Method according to Claim 8, wherein in step b), the application of the water-repellent agent comprises passing the aramid yarn over a roller immersed in a bath containing the aqueous emulsion of the water-repellent agent.
11. (Original) Method according to Claim 10, wherein in step b), the aqueous emulsion has a temperature in the range of 15 - 35°C.
12. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step c), the aramid yarn resulting from step b) is dried at a temperature in the range of 130 - 210°C.
13. (Original) Method according to Claim 12, wherein in step c), the drying time of the aramid yarn resulting from step b) is in the range of 5 – 15 seconds.
14. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step d), a plain weave fabric is produced.
15. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step e), the heat treatment is carried out in the temperature range of 120 - 200°C.
16. (Original) Method according to Claim 15, wherein in step e), the heat treatment is carried out for a duration of 30 – 120 seconds.
17. - 21. (Canceled)